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Rep. Rohrabacher meets with Secretary of State Colin Powell to help promote the President's Road Map for Peace in the Middle East.

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# Dana Rohrabacher

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## Working for America and You

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### *Rohrabacher Welcomes Marine Home From The Front Lines In Iraq*

Congressman Dana Rohrabacher welcomed home Huntington Beach native son and war hero, Lance Corporal Eric Moore. Moore belongs to the 1st Battalion 5th Marines Bravo Company, 2nd Platoon, a unit which was involved in the thick of the fighting in Operation Iraqi Freedom. During an intense fire-fight with elite Iraq units, Corporal Moore was severely wounded by a rocket-propelled grenade. Corporal Moore was awarded the "Purple Heart". His courage and dedication makes us proud," Rohrabacher said at the backyard picnic welcoming the 24-year-old Marine home.



Rep. Rohrabacher welcomes home to Huntington Beach Purple Heart recipient Marine Cpl. Eric Moore who served valiantly in the war in Iraq.

On a more somber note, Rep. Rohrabacher lamented the loss of another brave hero, Corporal Jose Garibay, U.S.M.C., of Costa Mesa. On the floor of the House of Representatives, he praised Corporal Garibay's heroism and sacrifice. Garibay was a graduate of Costa Mesa High School where he played football and was well liked by all who knew him. "We owe so much to those, like Corporal Garibay, who are willing to risk their lives, and even give their lives, to keep America safe. Corporal Garibay is a fallen hero. We must remember him and keep his family in our prayers."



# Working for A



At the Tessman Planetarium in Santa Ana, Space and Aeronautics Subcommittee Chairman Rohrabacher inspects space imaging technology that has benefited from a \$1.4 million NASA grant he helped obtain for the planetarium.

## *Rohrabacher to Retain Space and Aeronautics Gavel*

In an extraordinary display of confidence in Rep. Rohrabacher, the leadership of the U.S. House of Representatives has extended his tenure as chairman of the Space and Aeronautics subcommittee. That subcommittee oversees American space efforts and is playing a leading role in investigating the tragic loss of the space shuttle Columbia.

Ordinarily, House rules limit committee chairmanships to six years. At this crucial moment, the Speaker of the House waived these limits, in light of Rohrabacher's expertise and experience. "Tough decisions need to be made if we are to keep our country the world's leading space power," Rohrabacher said.

Because of the waiver, Rohrabacher also remains in a position to work with Southern California companies which provide tens of thousands of jobs to our people. "Aerospace is vital to our local and national economy. This industry must be competitive and technologically superior to any of America's economic or strategic adversaries," he said.



House Space and Aeronautics Subcommittee chairman Dana Rohrabacher holds a hearing on American space policy.

## *Fighting For a Strong Economy: Rohrabacher Votes for \$350 billion tax relief*

Consistent with letting the American people keep more of their hard-earned income, Rep. Rohrabacher cast his ballot for H.R. 2, President Bush's historic tax cut. The hard-fought bill delivers immediate relief to all taxpayers. With a smaller tax burden Americans can be expected to work harder, and invest in new job creating enterprises.

This new tax cut will pump \$200 billion into the economy and create 1.2 million new jobs by the end of 2004.

Specifically, the tax cut accomplishes the following:

- Increases child credit to \$1,000 beginning next year. This year families will receive a "child credit" check of up to \$400 per child, a big help to working families.
- Accelerates the expansion of the 10 percent bracket for helping the lowest income earners.
- Accelerates the expansion of the 15 percent bracket and the increase in the standard deduction for married persons filing joint returns eliminating the marriage penalty for many, and lessening it for others.
- Individual tax rate cuts schedule for 2006 will start in 2003. (Marginal rates reduced from 27% to 25%; 30% to 28%; 35% to 33% and 38.6% to 35%.) This is an immediate boost to our economy and diminishes the burden on all taxpayers.
- Increases individual Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT) exemption amount by \$4,500 for single persons and \$9,000 for joint filers.
- Increases depreciation from and capital purchase exemptions for small businesses.
- Reduces the dividend and the capital gains tax to 5 per cent and 15 per cent.
- Provides more take home pay, as employees' paychecks are automatically adjusted for lower rates.



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## *More Drinking Water on Tap for Drought-Prone Southern California*



Diem Vuong demonstrates to Rep. Rohrabacher Vuong's state of the art desalination technology that will substantially increase the production of clean water.

Once again, Rep. Dana Rohrabacher is pushing for the development of cutting edge water technology.

In Fountain Valley, the Groundwater Replenishment System (GWRS) – a water purification system that relies upon a revolutionary process called “double osmosis” – has, with Rohrabacher's help, made us less reliant on Colorado River

water. He has secured over \$10 million in 5 years in federal funding for this unique system.

The Groundwater Replenishment System is complemented by another innovative water technology in Long Beach. Conceptualized by Diem Vuong, a brilliant Vietnamese American engineer from Westminster, the newly configured Water Desalination system turns sea water into drinkable water at an ever more cost effective rate. With federal funding secured by his office, the output of the Water Desalination plant will dramatically increase.

“We need to use our limited resources more wisely and at the same time find new ways to produce clean water with modern technology. With diminishing Colorado River water allocations to our region, clean water isn't something we can take for granted.” he said.



Rep. Rohrabacher breaks ground for the elevation of Prado Dam, which will help protect Orange County from flooding and at the same time increase the amount of water that Orange County is able to store.

## *Roadmap for Peace in the Middle East*

Before, during, and after Operation Iraqi Freedom, Rep. Rohrabacher has been one of President Bush's most active supporters in the U.S. House of Representatives, on the House floor, and on numerous television and radio debates. Legislatively, he voted for the supplemental appropriations personally requested by the President.

As a senior member of the House International Relations Committee, Rohrabacher played a direct and active role in this conflict. During the war, he met with Gen. Tommy Franks at CENTCOM in Doha, Qatar, along with a handful of other members of Congress, and visited our military personnel and assured them that they had the backing and the admiration of our entire nation. He also rallied support from moderate Arab leaders in the Persian Gulf.

Later, when President Bush announced a ‘roadmap for peace’ in the Middle East, Rohrabacher joined the effort immediately, and traveled to Israel to meet with both Israeli and Palestinian leadership pitching them on our President's proposal for peace in the region.

“Our magnificent victory in Iraq has dramatically increased America's positive influence in the Middle East,” he said while in Israel. “We must work with the good people on both sides to take full advantage of this historic opportunity for peace our President's leadership and our military's courage has created.”